

~~Top Secret~~**PERU: Municipal Elections**

The governing party is likely to suffer losses in nationwide municipal elections tomorrow, reflecting widespread discontent with the economic and counterterrorist policies of President Belaunde. Although many voters remain undecided, most polls show that the principal opposition party, the American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, leads in the Lima mayoral race. The US Embassy reports that another opposition group, the United Left coalition, has campaigned effectively in Lima and in major municipalities of the south to offset the antileftist backlash against increasing terrorism.

Comment: Significant municipal losses would further weaken Belaunde's credibility and political base and could lead to a presidential victory by the opposition in 1985. Substantial leftist gains would further undermine the military's confidence in civilian rule.

USSR-WESTERN EUROPE: Bid To Influence INF Debates

The Soviet-sponsored Second Vienna Dialogue for Disarmament and Detente opens on Monday. Invitations have been issued to the West German Greens, West European Socialists and Communists, members of the European Parliament, and the US nuclear freeze movement. The first Vienna dialogue in 1982 attracted 300 delegates. The event will be hosted by the International Liaison Forum of Peace Forces, a front organization of the CPSU Central Committee's International Department closely associated with the World Peace Council.

Comment: The Vienna meeting is intended to rally antinuclear activists and to influence current debates in West European parliaments on INF deployments. Moscow also is calculating that the presence of independent peace groups and personalities will enable the Soviets to portray opposition to INF as broader than it is. It is doubtful, however, that they can change the outcome of the parliamentary debates favoring deployment.

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